

Community Environmental Advisory Commission Agenda

Regular Meeting

January 25, 2021 - 05:00 PM

Online Meeting

Members: Hannah Bohn-Jenkins, Max Dalton, Indigo Davitt- Liu, Meron Demissie, Mark Dhennin, Tess Dornfeld, Divine Islam, Mathew Douglas-May, Sandy Fazeli, Lauren Fleming, Maddie Henderson, LesLee Jackson, Anna Johnson, Toya Lopez, Barbara Lunde, Nicholas Minderman, Erin Niehoff, Suzanne Savanick Hansen, Jaqueline Zepeda (Quorum - 10) Members in bold were in attendance

Staff: Kim W. Havey

Guests:

Call to Order

1. Roll Call.
2. Adoption of the agenda – agenda adopted
3. Acceptance of minutes – minutes accepted

[December 15, 2021 Community Environmental Advisory Commission](#)

Consent

Location: Online Meeting, Dial-In Number: 612-276-6670 Phone Conference ID: 994 682 328#

Land Acknowledgement: As we meet here today, we are reminded that Minneapolis is situated on the homelands of the Dakota people. An area that is steeped in rich Indigenous history, it is home to Indigenous people from more than 30 different nations. As a City, we have a responsibility to care for the land on which we live and work and all its natural surroundings. This stewardship is an integral part of our involvement in this commission, and we honor it as we begin our meeting. We now open this space to discuss ways in which we can support Indigenous people in our community.

Erin spoke about the podcast called Stolen the search for Jermaine Sharlow about an indigenous woman who went missing.

Tess said that there is a boarding school podcast. Use your party caucus process to press for greater support of the Indian child welfare act.

Mark: Behind the middle school is a posted sign in English and Ojibwe and info placards of the origin of the land. It's a great connection to the nature preschool. Anwatin middle school is an Ojibwe name.

Presentations:

Overview of [CEAC Roles, Rules and structure](#) – Chair Erin Niehoff

For the [Jamboard](#), Erin put in two questions that connect closely with some of the questions below [Jamboard Activity](#) on CEAC 2022 ideas and activities

Discussion:

Getting to know your fellow Commissioners

Since we have not had a chance to meet in person, we thought we would take most of this meeting to get to know each other better. I have some general questions to help prompt the discussion but there are no set questions and this is a time to tell us about yourself and your interests and what you feel is important for the City to address in the coming year. You each have about 5 minutes -- I'll give you a warning if you're running short on time. While we are doing this activity, feel free to hop onto Jamboard and leave some thoughts there too. [Drop link in chat]

- What pronouns do you use?
- What neighborhood / area of Minneapolis do you live in?
- What's the top thing you want people to know about you?
- What is your background, experience and interests in the environment and climate action?
- What motivated you to join CEAC?

Hannah Jenkins – She/her. Waste wise fellow in reducing the waste. Interested in helping the city thrive. I'm a new mom of a son. Introduce him to great things in Mpls Parks.

Mark Dhennin – He/Him Lives in the Bryn Mawr neighborhood. Sustainability and Environmental manager at Cummins. He's been bike commuting to work since he was 15 years old.

Lauren Fleming – She/her. Lives in ward 10 now. As an architect at Dinwiddie she is always looking at sustainability. Been in her job for 7 years and her biggest client is the airport. Jackson hole airport client as well

Tess Dornfeld – she/her – now lives in ward 1 in NE. Grew up in southern MN. Has a degree in sustainability from Carlton. Just got a grad degree in environmental studies. She is job searching right now.

Jacqueline Zepeda: she/her. Env activist for a decade in Mexico and Alaska. Environmental youth programming . Came here to work on the stop line 3 campaign. Working on environmental engineering degree. Interested in sustainable building practices. Now works as a carpenter and is making bowls.

Anna Johnson : She/he Lives in Philipps and recently lived in Central and Lyn/Lake before. Very outdoorsy as a child. Currently works at Fresh Energy. Carbon neutral clean economy as soon as possible. Want to work on neighborhood projects.

Indigo: They/Them: MN youth for climate justice. Joined CEAC to learn about what's going on in Mpls. Grew up on the North side and now live in NE. Really want to have us work on the HERC

Mathew Douglas -May: He/Him. Works at center for energy and environment. Auditor and Energy Efficiency expert. Just signed up for the loppit 20 mile ski race.

Leslee Jackson: She/Her. Dream to be a Nat Geo photographer: Degree from U of MN and Resident of Minneapolis. Grew up along basset creek. She is black and native and has faced

many challenges. Grew up across the street from Prince as a kid. My biggest thing is plastic and changing the HERC.

Maddie Henderson: She/her. Moved to Minneapolis 2 years ago . Has a degree in biomedical engineering from Southern IL University. Work at Medtronic and try to combine sustainability and into her work. She helped found an environmental action group at Medtronic. Just applied to grad school in sustainable design. Getting into Cross country skiing

Suzanne Savanick Hansen : she/her. Works at Abbott NW as sustainability director. Was at Macalester as sustainability director for 12 years prior to Abbott. Has worked in sustainability for 20 years. Has PhD in conservation biology. Carlton undergrad. Started her environmental advocacy while in Warren County NC and have a poster with detoxify the county.

Max Dalton – He/Him. Logan park neighborhood. Work for Washington County health started in Feb 2020. Work with cities and townships on waste and recycling. Work on legislative work. Worked at the MWMO first to get into the environmental. Graduated in 2019 from HHH. Grew up on the farm in Western WI. Looking to purchase a home.

Nick Minderman: He/Him. Lives in Byrn Mawr, but he lived in ward 3 at central and Hennepin for many years before. He has a geotechnical engineer. Built a landfill in upstate New York. Went to grad school in Stockholm for 2 years so has good understanding of Scandinavian sustainability efforts. He sits on the MN Green Building Council. He did sit on the City Capital Long Range Investment committee for 4 years to work on infrastructure projects. Wanted to move up stream on policy from CLIC. Transportation choices is the next tough nut to crack. Has good ideas on how to link transportation with the broader issues,

Erin Niehoff – She/her. Ward 12 in the Howe neighborhood about 10 minutes from the 38th LRT station. Lived in ward 2 for most of my 14 years in Mpls. Came to MN from CT to get a grad degree in climate change and human rights. Wrote a thesis on water rights in Israel. Worked for Environmental Initiative and took a new job in 2021 with the MN Dept of Ag. Has two dogs and is a new aunt

Barbara Lunde: she/her. Linden Hills and on Linden Hills neighborhood Board and MN renewable energy society. Has a PHD in Physics and a few years of experience. Put your efforts in Resilience to climate change rather than depend on corporations and renewable energy. Owns farmland and consider herself a farmer.

Updates and Announcements from Commissioners and staff

2022 Chair and vice chair discussion and nominations. Voting will occur in February

Anna nominated herself for Chair or vice chair of CEAC. She is currently vice chair. Leslee nominated Barbara Lunde as vice chair. Lauren Fleming nominated Sandy Fazeli for vice chair.

Brad Pass sent info to Erin about demolition of the roof depot. Looks like they have the Council votes to support the demolition permit.

Sean G. Said he was hosting a meeting with Hennepin County tomorrow evening using the met council's community climate planning tool.

Tess wants to look at scooter ridership. The contracts have not been complete. Let's have direct questions to Danielle from Tess.

Leslee asked if we would consider recommending a deposit on plastic and help get it off the streets?

Hannah would like to have a single use plastic reduction at restaurants

Erin: Ridwell is a new service she recently joined that picks up items to properly dispose of them.

Mathew: He has parents who have subscribed to Ridwell. Would folks be interested in the Hennepin Redesign. Clean Transit. The redesign focuses on bike lanes and dedicated rapid bus lanes. The question in parking.

- All City boards and commissions will continue to meet virtually until further notice
- The City established a [new council structure and leadership](#) at its organizational meeting on January 10th. Sustainability will report to the Policy and Government Oversight (POGO) chaired by CM Ellison.
- In solidarity with over a dozen MN cities Minneapolis redeclared a [climate emergency](#) listing a number of actions to be taken as a result of the declaration.
- A two-page Sustainability 2021 Year in Review provides a few highlights of the accomplishments of the sustainability Division in 2021.

Possible Future CEAC Meeting Topics:

- Climate Action and Equity Plan Steering Committee and Task Force opportunities
- Decarbonizing landscape maintenance equipment
- Bikes, Scooters and Mobility Hubs: What's ahead for 2022? – Looking at a later CEAC meeting after final negotiations for the bikes and scooters contract is complete.
- Carbon Free Zones and fossil gas free development
- Sustainable building policies for City Financed economic development, City owned buildings, City financed 1-4-unit homes and multi-family apartment buildings
- How to reduce plastic in the community
- How do we reduce emissions from the HERC?
- Hennepin Ave Redesign

Adjournment

Notice:

A portion of this meeting may be closed to the public pursuant to MN Statutes Section 13D.03 or 13D.05.

Next Community Environmental Advisory Commission meeting: February 15, 2022 from 5-7 PM

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